Public (Political) **(1949) Department.**

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Dated 23-8-49.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

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Government of Madras.
Abstract.

STATES - Sandur - Merger - Agreement of merger signed by the Raja - Instructions issued.

Public (Political) Department.

G.O.Ms.No.1145. dated the 27th April 1949.

ORDER:

The Raja of Sandur has signed the agreement of merger ceding to the Dominion Government full and exclusive authority, jurisdiction and powers for and in relation to the governance of the Sandur State and has agreed to the transfer of the administration of the State to the Dominion Government with effect from the 1st day of April 1949. The Government of India will be issuing separately a notification under the Extra Provincial Jurisdiction Act delegating powers to this Government for the administration of the State.

2. A copy of the letter from the Government of India, Ministry of States No.D.3588-P/49 dated 20-4-49 is communicated to the Board of Revenue and the Collector of Bellary together with a copy each of the collateral letter and the agreement of merger.

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3..The Collector of Bellary is requested to arrange for the payment of the dues to the Raja of Sandur or members of his family and also for the payment of pension to the officers mentioned in the proceedings of the Sandur Durbar No.IX-7/48 dated 26-12-48 as modified by the Government of India.

(BY ORDER OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR)

K.Ramunni . chon,
Chief Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (with enclosure).
" the Collector of Bellary (with enclosure).
" the Departments of theSecretariat (all sections) including Public (with enclosure.)
Copy to the Government of India, Ministry of States, New Delhi (3 copies)

/True copy/Forwarded/By order/

Superintendent.

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Ministry of States,
New Delhi.
The 1st April 1949.

My Dear Raja Saheb,

With reference to the agreement signed by you on the 1949 ceding to the Dominion Government, full and exclusive authority, jurisdiction and powers for and in relation to the Governance of your State, I write to say that:-

(1) Your privy purse of Rs. Ninety Thousand which is provided for in the agreement signed by you is payable in perpetuity to you, your heirs and successors and will neither be increased nor reduced for any reason whatsoever. It will be free of all taxes whether imposed by the Government of any Province or by the Government of India. Till the 31st March 1949 all amounts payable under the Palace (Civil Lists) Proclamation, 1949 (III of 1948) will be paid to you from the provision made in the State budget of 1948-49. The privy purse according to this agreement will come into force with effect from the 1st. April 1949.

(2) Reference to the Ruler in Articles 2,3 and 4 include the heirs and successors on the Gadi of the State. This is indeed the significance of the guarantee in Article 5 which expressly extends to succession to your personal rights, besides privileges, dignities and titles.

(3) The Ruler and his successors on the Gadi will continue to retain their hereditary distinctions, designations, titles and honours to which they were entitled prior to August 15, 1947.

(4) The accumulated balances which will be transferred along with the State, shall, as far as possible, be spent for the benefit of the people of your State.

(5) The payment of a sum of Rs.36,000 per annum to the State Temples Fund constituted by the Sandur State Temples Proclamation, 1948 (No.II of 1948) a copy of which is annexed, for the proper maintenance of the temples and institutions specified therein will be continued. The audit of the accounts of the Fund will be carried out by an officer appointed by or under the authority of the Dominion Government.

(6) The amounts given as loans to the State by you or the members of your family, out of personal funds, and the amounts invested by you (or by them) in fixed deposit in Sandur State Treasury shall be returned to the depositor or lender on production of the Fixed Deposit Receipts and other receipt issued by the Sandur State treasury. A schedule of the aforesaid amounts is annexed hereto.

(7) It is intended that permanent members of the public services of Sandur State will be continued in service on conditions as near to those on which they were serving on 29th July 1948 as changed circumstances may permit. In the event of continuance in service not being possible in any case, reasonable compensation will be paid.

(8) Pensions, compassionate allowances, and leave salaries sanctioned by competent authorities in the State before 29th July 1948 to permanent member of its public services who have retired or proceeded on leave preparatory to retirement will be continued. The pensions sanctioned in your Huzur Order of 26th December 1948 as modified by the Government of India, will take effect from 1st April 19

(9) The Ruler of Sandur and his successors shall have exclusive shooting rights in the following areas, Ramgolla (Deogiri) Hathi Maradagolla (Ramgad) Plans no: 3 & 7.

(10) All expenses (including legal fees and travelling and other charges) incurred in connection with the negotiations and finalization of the agreement referred to in this letter, upto the date of such finalisation, shall be paid from the State funds. The salary of Rs.250/- per mensem payable to the Industrial Adviser upto 31st March 1949 shall also be paid from State funds.

(11) No enquiry shall be made nor shall any proceedings lie in any court in India against you, whether in a personal capacity or otherwise, in respect of anything done or omitted to be done by you or under your authority during the period of your administration of your State..

(12) Except with the previous sanction of the Government of India, no proceedings, civil or criminal, shall be instituted against any person in respect of any act done or purporting to be done in the execution of his duties as a servant of the State before the date of this agreement.

(13) Any dispute arising under this agreement shall be referred to the Government of India, whose decision shall be final.

2. The contents of this letter will be regarded as part of the merger agreement entered into by you with the Governor General of India.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd) M. K. Vellodi

Raja Srimant Yeshwantrao,
Rao Sahib, Hindu Rao Ghorpade,
Mamlukatmadar Senapati,
Raja of Sandur,
Sandur.

(True Copy)

AGREEMENT MADE THIS First day of April 1949 between the overnor-General of India and the Raja of

SANDUR STATE

WHEREAS in the best interests of the State of Sandur as well s of the Dominion of India it is desirable to provide for the dministration of the said State by or under the authority of the Dominion Government;

It is hereby agreed as follows:-

ARTICLE 1

The Raja of Sandur State hereby cedes to the Dominion Government full and exclusive authority, jurisdiction and powers for and in relation to the governance of the State and agrees to transfer the administration of the State to the Dominion Government on the 1st day of April 1949 (hereinafter referred to as "the said day").

As from the said day the Dominion Government will be competent to exercise the said powers, authority and jurisdiction in such manner and through such agency as it may think fit.

ARTICLE 2

The Raja of Sandur shall with effect from the said day be entitled to receive from the revenues of the State annually for his privy purse the sum of Ninty thousand rupees free of taxes. This amount is intended to cover all the expenses of the Ruler and his family, including expenses on account of his personal staff, maintenance of his residences, marriages and other ceremonies, etc. and will neither be increased nor reduced for any reason whatsoever.

The said sum may be drawn by the Raja in four equal instalments in advance at the beginning of each quarter by presenting bills at the State Treasury or at such other Treasury as may be specified by the Dominion Government.

ARTICLE 3

The Raja shall be entitled to the full ownership, use and enjoyment of all private properties (as distinct from State property) belonging to him on the date of this agreement, and specified in the schedule hereunto appended.

ARTICLE 4

The Raja, the Rani, the Rajmata, the Yuvraj and the Yuvrani shall be entitled to all personal privileges enjoyed by them whether within or outside the territories of the State, immediately before the 15th day of August 1947.

ARTICLE 5

The Dominion Government guarantees the succession, according to law and custom, to the gadi of the State and to the Raja's personal rights, privileges, dignities and titles.

In confirmation whereof Mullath Kadingi Vellodi Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry ofStates has appended his signature on behalf and with the authority of the Governor-General of India and Raja Shrimant Yeshwantarao and Rao Sahib, Hindu Rao Ghorpade, Raja of Sandur State has appended his signature on behal of himself, his heirs and successors.

Raja of Sandur State.

Secretary to the Government of Indi
Ministry of States.

Dated 1st April 1949.

"Sandur House",
20, Palace Road, Bangalore.

THE PALACE, SANDUR

8th June 1949.

My dear Sri. Menon, M. 11-12 info

I enclose copy of a letter from me to Sri.P.S.Kumaraswamy Raja, Premier of Madras. I shall be grateful if you could kindly help to expedite the handing over - the delay is causing me real inconvenience.

With kind regards,

Yours Sincerely,
G.R.Ghorpade

K. Ramunni Menon, Esq., CIE., ICS.,
Chief Secretary to Government of Madras,
Madras.

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"Sandur House",
20, Palace Road, Bangalore.

Copy of letter D/8th J u n e 1949, from His Highness the Ruler of Sandur to Hon'ble P.S.Kumarswamy Raja, Premier of Madras, Madras.

When the Agreement to provide for the administration of my State by or under the authority of the Dominion Government was finalised at Delhi in April last, my Huzur Secretary and the Political Member, Sandur, were assured at the Ministry of States that the handing over of all my personal properties as per schedule to the Agreement and the appendicies to the collateral letter would be completed within a month at most. Although well over a month has passed the handing over has not yet commenced. Some of the properties to be handed over are agricultural lands, and with the agricultural season far advanced I would be put to loss if immediate handing over of those lands is not effected. Furthermore practically all my money is bound up in the Sandur Treasury, and I am urgently in need of it. There is no reason for any delay, for all these properties (with exception of a sum of Rs 33,878-0-5 which awaits formal verification) have been ascertained, fully agreed to and listed, and since their determination is complete handing over can and should be effected immediately.

I thank you for your assurance in your letter to me dated 14th May 1949 that the terms of the Agreement would be

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fully implemented. May I request you to kindly expedito the handing over?

With kind regards,

" True Copy "

HUZUR SECRETARY, SANDUR

Public (Political) Dept. Fort St. George,

D.O.No. 13th June 1949.

My dear Raja Saheb,

I have received your letter of the 8th June and I am very sorry to note that there has been delay in the handing over to you of the properties etc. mentioned in the schedules to the Merger Agreement. I am writing to the Collector to look into the matter personally and see that whatever is necessary is done without any further delay. I am sure that the Collector will do the needful in the matter.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Raja Shrimant Maharaj Yeshwantrao
Hindirao Ghorpate, Mamlakatmadar Senapathi,
Ruler of Sandur, SANDUR.

Fort St. George,
15th June 1949.

My dear Allardice,

Sri M. Krishnan, Huzur Secretary to the Raja of Sandur has been to see me with regard to the handing over of the private properties of the Ruler to him. I notice from the file that there was a telegram relating to the properties covered by Article III of the agreement and a telegraphic reply is being sent to you today that the private properties of the Ruler may be handed over to him or his representative. Apparently there was some delay here owing to some doubt about temple lands but Mr. Krishnan assures me that this has nothing to do with the private properties of the Ruler. You may clarify any points of doubt by discussing the matter with him and take steps immediately to see that the handing over of the private properties is not held up owing to any discussions on other issues.

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It seems that monies due to the Ruler have also not been handed over. As per/the agreement it is specific with regard to this matter, You may take action to settle this also, any points of doubt being cleared up wit Mr. Krishnan.

Yours sincerely

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E.C. Allardice Esq., I.C.S.,
Collector of Bellary.

Express.

Pub. (Poll) Deptt

Telegram No 5738/48-24 d 13/6/49

To

Collector

Bellary.

Sandur ruler. private properties
a a a. Reference Govt. telegram
No 5738-22 d 26th May a a a
All properties of Raja according
to schedule may be handed
over to him or his representative
immediately except those
attached to temples about which
a further communication will
be sent as soon as possible.

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From
E.C.Allardice Esq., I.C.S.,
Collector of Bellary.

To
The Chief Secretary to Govt.
Fort St., George,
M a d r a s.

Ref.C.No.5364/49 CC dated 12-7-49.

Sir,

Sub: Buildings - Sandur State - Office buildings - Declared as Rajah's private property.

Ref: Schedules of Private Property communicated with G.O.Ms.No.1145 Public Pol. d/27-4-49.

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Yeshwantanivas Rajmahal, the present Secretariat building, has been declared the Private Property of the Ruler according to the schedules of the Ruler's property approved by Government of India. It was under occupation by Government offices from 1934 onwards. But in the blue prints attached to the schedules, the premises were described as the Private dwelling houses of the Ruling Family. I have however issued instructions to the Special Officer Sandur to hand it over on demand, and proposals are under consideration to take the building on lease. I bring these facts to the notice of the Government, as the blue print seems to misrepresent the facts

Sd.E.C.Allardice,
Collector.

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For Collector.

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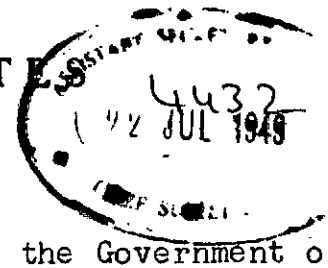

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From

The Deputy Secretary to the Government of India,

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, MADRAS.

Dated New Delhi, the 20 July, 1949.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the letter from the Ruler of Sandur No. - dated 8th June, 1949 to the Hon'ble Sri P.S. Kumaraswamy Raja, Premier of Madras and to request that early arrangement may be made for release of the private property of His Highness.

Yours faithfully,

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

Issue today

23/8/49

Pub.(Poll.)Deptt.

G.O.Ms.No. 2844 dated 23-8-49

Sub: States - Sandur - Merger - Ruler's private property - Handing over - Orders issued.

Read: G.O.Ms.No.1145, Pub.(Poll.) d/27-4-49.
Express Telegram No.5738/48-24,Pub.(Poll.), d/13-6-1949.

In ~~confirmation of~~ conformity with the instructions issued in the ~~Express~~ telegram ~~cited~~ read above, Govt. direct that the private property of the Ruler of Sandur as per schedule communicated with G.O.Ms.No.1145,Pub.(Poll.), d/27-4-49 should be handed over to the Ruler or his representative. Orders regarding the handing over of properties attached to temples will issue separately.

2. The Collr. of Bellary is requested to take the necessary action in the matter. He is also informed that the Govt.of India have recently ~~expressed~~ stated that the private property of the Ruler is subject to ~~the~~ rights of third parties.

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To the Collr.of Bellary.
Copy to Govt.of India,
Ministry of States,
New Delhi for information.
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D.O.No. 4271/49-1 dated 23-8-1949

My dear Rajah Saheb,

Sub: States - Sandur - Merger - Ruler's private property - Handing over.

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I ~~am directed to~~ enclose a copy of this Govt.'s Proceedings No. dated on the subject. This formally confirms the wire issued to the Collr. in June last

will be filled in later

Yours sincerely,

20/8/49

To: Raja Shrimant Rajeshwantrao Maharaj Hindurao Ghorpade, Kamalakatmadar Senapathi Camp. "Sandur House", 20, Palace road, Bangalore.

Extract of pp.30-36 n.f. of the Sandur mamfile (C.No.5738/48.)

Ruler's Private properties - Handing over.
Sandur - Merger.

The Collector of Bellary was asked by telegram to take over formally the administration of Sandur State on 29-4-49 The Collector went to Sandur on 29-4-49 and the report of his discussion with the Ruler and of the taking over of the administration is on pages 30-31 c.f. A copy of his report may be sent to the Govtof India for information.

2. Please ~~the~~ the D.O. to the Govt.of India on pp.269-270 c.f. and their reply thereto on page 302 c.f. With the merger of the Sandur state the question of flying the Ruler's flag over public buildings does not arise. The Ruler's flag will continue to fly over the Palace only.

3. Copies of the Govt.of India's letter informing~~the~~ this Govt. about the merger and instructing about the payment of dues to the Raja, the payment of pensions, etc. the merger agreement, the collateral letter of the Govt.of India to the Rajasaheb have been communicated to the Board of Rev. the Collr.of Bellary, the Deptts.of Sectt. etc.

4. Please see in this connection the Chief Secy.'s query on page 29 above. A copy of the pension order with the pension amounts as modified by the Govt. of India has been communicated to the Collr.of Bellary and he has been asked to disburse the pension amounts as modified by the Govt. of India.

5. A brief account of some of the important recommendations of this Govt. regarding the schedules of the private properties of the Ruler and the Govt.of India's decision is given below.

6. Private properties of the Ruler. Buildings.

The recommendations of this Govt. regarding the allotment of the buildings to the Ruler are in para 3 on pages 236-237 c.f. The suggestions of this Govt. that the Old Huzur office buildings may be used as T.B. and that the Annexe to the Royal Rest House at Ramghad may be retained

for Govt.'s use have not been accepted by the Govt.of India.

It may also be mentioned in this connection that the H.Q. Madras Area enquired whether this Govt. have any objection to the Army taking over the lands and buildings at Ramghad (known as Cantonment area) if they belong to the Ruler or if they belong to this Govt. whether this Govt. would hand it over permanently to the Indian Army as a free gift. A copy of the letter has been communicated to the Govt.of India. The Army Headquarters may now be told that the building has been allotted to the Ruler and that they can take up the question with him.

7. The Shiv Vilas Palace and Annexe at Sandur include an extent of about 657 acres and 26 cents of private holdings which have to be acquired by Govt. and included in the Palace estates. The lands will be acquired at the Ruler's cost. The Collector of Bellary may be asked to submit proposals for this in due course.

The Collector may also be asked to submit proposals in due course for the information of a new road in Ramghad area - please see portion marked Z on page 138 c.f. and the foot notes on page 1 of the schedule of the private properties of the Ruler.

8. Palace estates. For the list of properties included in the original schedule of the private properties of the Ruler please see paged 15-35 of flag 'B'. This included the following categories of lands:

(i) Ordinary lands belonging to the Ruler.
(ii) Mankaree lands.
(iii) Palace (Deogarh) service lands.
(iv) Minor palace Chakrana (Services) lands.
(v) Inam lands.

The discrepancies with regard to certain details about the properties reported by the Special Officer were communicated to the Govt.of India and they were also informed of the remarks of the Special Officer about the mankaree, deogarh and Minor Palace Chakrana inams viz; that these lands were granted for specific purposes, that they might be continued to the present title holders and that the matter of continuing

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these grants is a question for the successor Govt. These lands are now left out in the schedules of the private properties of the Ruler referred to in Article 3 of the merger agreement, but they are included in the list of properties belonging to the temples.

9. Records etc. This Govt. recommended that records relating to the family tree of the Ruling House might be retained by the Ruler and the members of his family and that historical records and the originals of all executive orders and directions issued by the Rulers of Sandur should be retained by the Govt. But in the schedule accepted by the Govt.of India and annexed to the merger agreement it is stated that all these records should be handed over to the Raja. Perhaps the Govt. of India have done so with a view to show some concession to the Raja. The Govt.of India's decision has to be accepted. The transfer of the original records will cause much inconvenience e.g. item 4(2) on page 27 of 'R' relates to the sealed cover containing agreement between Sri P.I. Patil and the Govt. of Sandur. There is a file pending in this deptt.about the investigation to be made in the affairs of the Sandur Tobacco Co., in which Sri Patil is involved. The agreement may be useful in this connection. The only way to lessen the inconvenience that will be caused by the transfer of the records seems to be ask the Special Officer to take copies of such of the records and documents etc. as he considers necessary. For orders.

Govt. of India has been addressed in the matter A.R.N. (Separate file)

10. Cash assets. Particulars of the cash assets etc. originally furnished are on paged 9-13 of flag 'B'. Now the Govt.of India have forwarded a separate schedule of loans due to the Ruler and the members of his family. These can be classified under the following heads.

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(i). Loans.
(ii) Fixed deposits.
(iii) Other deposits held by the Ruler
(ig) Expenses incurred by the Ruler, Constitutional Adviser etc. in connection with the negotiations relating to the merger of the State.
(v) Undrawn balance.

(i) Loans. An amount of Rs.33,878-0-5 which was not included in the original schedule has now been included and the Govt.of

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India have requested that this amount should be paid after verification with reference to documents. A copy of the Govt.of India's letter has been communicated to the Collector of Bellary for necessary action.

(ii) and (iii) Deposits. There is no difference between the particulars furnished in the original schedule and the schedule as now adcepted by the Govt.of India. This Govt. had suggested that as these transaction were effected by adjustment without proper credit the accounts should be audited. The Govt.of India have not accepted this view.

(iv) Expenses incurred by the Ruler etc. An amount of Rs.25,455-6-9 has been incurred upto February 49 by the Ruler, Constitutional Advisor and certain other officers of the State in connection with merger negotiations with the Ministry of States. Details of the amounts are on page 5-6 of 'B'.

In September 48 the Govt.of India sent a copy of the letter from the Political Member, Sandur together with a copy of his bill of claims and requested that the amount claimed might be paid when the merger agreement was signed. This amount of Rs.8504-3-0 is now included in the consolidated list sent by the Govt.of India. No separate action is therefore called for in respect of the bill sent in October 48.

In addition to the claims for expenditure upto Feb. the Ruler has sent a bill for Rs.6759-0-0 in respect of the expenditure incurred subsequently. The Govt.of India have forwarded a copy of this letter and bill and requested that the bill of expenses might be verified before being passed for payment. A copy of the bill together with a copy of the Govt.of India's letter may be sent to the Collr. of Bellary for necessary action.

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Please put up draft.
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(v) Payment of undrawn balances. Please see portion marked A on page 239 c.f. With reference to the Sandur Palace Civil List Proclamation an amount of Rs.40,08 -8-4 is still due to the Ruler and has to be paid.

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11. Mineral rights in lands. The Govt. of India were informed in this Govt.'s letter on p.242 c.f. that the Ruler of Sandur might be informed that his claims to the landed properties relate to the enjoyment of the surface rights only and not the mineral sources that might have been found already or may be hereafter discovered. The Govt.of India have made no mention of this in their collateral letter presumably because their general instructions in their letter No.F.42(2) P/48 d/25-12-48 will apply to his rights over his landed properties automatically. A copy of the Govt.of India's instructions may be communicated to the Ruler for his information.

Copy Communicated to the Collr along with general instructions
A.R.N.

12. Temples. The position regarding the relationship of the Ruler and the temples is left undefined by the Govt.of India. While forwarding the list of his private properties the Ruler forwarded the list of the properties belonging to the temples which were under his management with reference to the Sandur State Temples Proclamation. A copy of the Proclamation is on pages 1-3 of 'A'. The important points in the recommendations of this Govt. were:-

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(i) the temples included in Schedule B to the Proclamation should be managed by the Ruler under the supervision of the H.R.E. Board or the new organisation proposed to be set up by the Govt. in its place and that the other temples should be managed by the H.R.E.Board (or the new organisation) in the same manner as other temples in other parts of the Province.

(ii) the temple jewels should not be handed over to the Ruler but should be placed in the custody of an officer of this Govt. from whom the Ruler may take them whenever necessary.

(iii) The securities and cash assets of the temples should be handed over to the officer of this Govt. referred to above. Neither the Govt.of India's letter to this Govt. nor their collateral letter to the Raja nor the merger agreement contains any definite provision for the management of the temples. All that is said by the Govt.of India is about the contribution of Rs.36,000 paa for the management of the temples and its audit by an officer of the Finance Ministry of this Govt.

It is not clear whether it is the intention of the Govt.of ~~India that all the~~ t
India that all the temples' properties etc. should be in the management of the Ruler only without being subject to the supervision of the H.R.E.Board, whether the audit of this Govt. should be made only in respect of the contribution of Rs.36,000 and whether the jewels should be in the possession of the Ruler without any supervision by the officers of this Govt.

The audit should be of the accts.of the State Temples Fund as a whole - See M on p.272 c.f.
A.R.N.

As desired by the Govt.of India an officer of the Finance deptt. may be appointed for auditing the State Temples Fund. The pther points may be referred tothe Govt. of India for clarification in due course. Firka Dev. and Finance may see.

13. The lands classified as mankaree lands, deoghar and minor palace (chakra) inams were originally ijcluded in the schedule of the private properties of the Ruler. The Govt.of India were informed that these lands were granted for specific purposes, that they might be continued to the present title holders and that the matter of continuing these grants is a question for the successor Govt. to decide. These lands are now omitted from the list of private properties of the Ruler and included in the list of properties of the temples.under the head 'State temple estates. ,The Govt.of India may be asked to clarify the position in regard to the points.mentioned above. A.R.N.

14. Miscellaneous. Shares in Sri Vijayal Agricultural Bank and Poor Fund. Please see paras 11-A & B. on pages 239A. 240 c.f. The Govt.of India have not stated anything about these items. Relevant extracts may be taken for separate action. A.R.N.

15. Allowances to the Raja mata and others.

Please see para 15 page 241 c.f. The Govt.of India have not also given their decision on the question of the payment of annuities to the Rajamata etc. Relevant extracts may be taken for separate action and the views of the Govt. of India obtained. A.R.N.

16. Pension. The original order of the Ruler sanctioning pension to some of the officers and inferior servants of the State is on pages 119-123 c.f. The recommendation of this Govt. is in para 14 on page 240 c.f. It was recommended to the Govt.of India that if the pension sanctioned by the Ruler to the favoured few is to stand then certain officers who have reminded faithful to the present administration should also be given similarly ehnanced pension. The Govt.of India have not stated anything on this

question. But as the State has since merged with the Madras Govt. and as the Govt.of India have delegated to this Govt. the necessary powers for the governance of the State it is ~~felt~~ left to this Govt. to grant these officers enhanced pension. This question can be examined separately in consultation with the Collr.of Bellary.

The file may now be sent to Revenue, Firka Dev. and Financ for remarks if any.

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Extract of notes on pp.40-41 note file.

(Issued as G.O.Ms.2014,Pub.(Poll.) d/27-6-49.)

(From the Collr.of Bellary, Confdl.D.O.No.R.C.4938/49. C.C. d/19.6.49.)

The Collr.'s report in reply to this deptt.'s telegram asking him to hand over the personal properties to the Ruler of Sandur as per schedule at (R) with the exception of those attached to temples may be perused. The receipt of the separate report mentioned at A in his d.o. letter at p.326/19 c.f. may be awaited.

D.J.
2/7/49.

K.R.M.
4/7/49.

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~~Pub.(Poll.)Deptt.~~

Please see the letter from the Govt.of India on p.23 c.f. requesting this Govt. to make early arrangements for release of the private property of the Ruler of Sandur. In this connection, attention is invited to the D.O. to Mr. Allardice, ~~Esq.,~~ on pp.15-16 c.f. and also to this department's Express Telegram No.5738/48-24 d/13-6-1949 directing the Collr.of Bellary to hand over the private property of the Ruler as per schedule either to the Rajah or to his representative excepting those attached to temples. Presumably the Collr. would have handed over the properties in question.

A formal Govt. order directing the Collr. to hand over the private property of the Ruler may now issue. Subject to orders, a draft order is submitted for approval. Draft ~~D.O.~~ letter to the Rajah enclosing a copy of this Govt.'s proceedings on the

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the subject is also submitted for approval.

16/8/49 -- Cue 16.8.49

Please see the Billary Collr's letter on page 21 cf. He points out a case in which a building which has been occupied by Govt. offices since 1934 has been described in the blue prints attached to the schedules of private property as the private dwelling house of the Ruling Family. There may be some more cases of this nature. The Collr. has recently been asked to report what all buildings were used occupied by Govt. offices prior to the merger, how many such buildings have been handed over to the Ruler under the merger agreement, what steps the Collr. proposes to take to find suitable alternative accommodation for these offices etc. This need not, however, delay the issue of formal orders handing over the Ruler's private property. The draft order and D.O. below are for approval.

From xx on p.7 above

20/8/49 C.S.

(Issued as G.O. Ms. No. 2844, Pub Poll. d 23/8/49.) ..... p. 25 cf.

PW Memo 1618
10.3.50.

Huzur Office, Sandur,
7th March 1950.

Dear Sri Ramunni Menon,

I am sending, for favour of your information, a copy of a letter dated 2nd March 1950 addressed by me to the Collector of Bellary.

2. I am to request that the grounds and forest as per Plan 3 appended to clause I(a) of the schedule of private properties of the Ruler be handed over to the Ruler at an early date.

Yours sincerely,
Secretary

Sri K. Ramunni Menon Avl., CIE.,ICS.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Fort St. George,
Madras.

CHIEF SECRETARY
9 MAR 1950
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Letter dated 2nd March 1950 from the Huzur Secretary to H.H. the Ruler of Sandur to the Collector of Bellary, Bellary.

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Subject: STATES - Sandur-Ruler's private properties - Handing over of -

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I am to invite your attention to paragraph I(d) of the Agreement dated 1st April '48 entered into between the Ruler of Sandur and the Dominion Government. I quote below the relevant paragraph for facility of reference:

A | "(d) Royal Rest House and Annexe at Ramgad with furniture, outhouses, grounds, and forest attached thereto (as per plan appended) Plan No.3".

I would be grateful if you can kindly direct that the grounds and forest, as per Plan No.3 herein referred to, are handed over to the Ruler at an early date.

Secretary.

2 drafts

draft I

Public (Political) department

D.O. No 1618/50-1 dated 13.3.50.

Issued today
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13/3/50

Dear Sir,

Sub: States - Sandur - Ruler - Private property - Royal Rest House and Annexe at Ramgad - Handing over.

Ref: your D.O. letter d 7/3/1950 to Sri K. Rammuni Menon, I.C.S. Chief Secretary to government.

I am to acknowledge the receipt of your D.O. cited and to state that ~~action will be taken in the~~ the necessary matter is receiving attention.

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To Sri. V. Narasimha Rao, M.A.,
Huzur Secretary to the Ruler of Sandur,
Sandur.

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Memo no 1618/50-2 dated 13.3.50

Issued today
[illegible]
13/3/50.

Sub: States - Sandur - Ruler - Private property - Royal Rest House and Annexe at Ramgad - Handing over.

Ref: From the Huzur Secretary to the Ruler of Sandur, letter d 7/3/1950.

A copy of the letter cited is referred to the Collector of Bellary for very urgent remarks his attention is invited to the orders issued in

Rly. No: 2844, Pol (Pol)I, d 23/8/1949.

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Copy of letter
No. 413

To: The Collector of Bellary.
Bellary
(with enel.).

Copy of

PM Rem 2304/4.4.50

From
Sri.G.Rami Reddi,B.A.,
Collector,Bellary.

To
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Public (Pol)Department.A.
Fort.St.George, M a d r a s.

Ref.C.No.4939/49.S1.dated 29.3.1950.

Sir,

Sub: Sandur. Ruler Private Property.Royal Rest House and Annexe at Ramgad.Handing over.

Ref: Government Memorandum No.1618.50.2.Public (Pol.A)Dept. dated 13.3.1950.

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In accordance with the orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.2844.Public (Political .A.Department), dated 23.8.1949, the Special Officer, Sandur, was directed to hand over all the private properties of the Ruler except those attached to temples. The Huzur Secretary to the Ruler of Sandur communicated on 10.8.1949 a list of items of private property not yet handed over to him, implying thereby that all the remaining items had been handed over. This list did not include the Royal Rest House and Annexe at Ramghad and it was,therefore,presumed that these had been handed over already. I am, however, calling for a report from the Special Officer,Sandur, and shall submit a further report.

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2. As regards the forests, I have informed the Huzur Secretary that their survey and demarcation can be taken up only later and that he may now take possession of the area. He has agreed to the proposal and taken them over. Copies of the Huzur Secretary's D. Os dated 14.3.1950 and 21.3.1950 are enclosed.

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For Collector.

hrs/31.3.1950. 31/3.

Copy of D.O.letter No. Nil dated 14th March 1950 of the Huzur Secretary to the Ruler of Sandur to the Collector of Bellary.

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Subject: Private properties of the Ruler of Sandur. Handing over of.
Reference: Your D.O.No.Rc.4939/49.S.1.dated 12.3.1950.

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Many thanks for your kind letter cited above.

2. The Special Officer, Sandur, may kindly be instructed to hand over to me the grounds and forests immediately. The question of surveying them may be taken up in due course.

True Copy.

Copy of D.O.letter No.Nil dated 21st March 1950 of the Huzur Secretary to the Ruler of Sandur to the Collector of Bellary.

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Sandur.Ruler's properties . handing over.
Reference: Your D.O. letter No.Rc.4939.49.S1.dated 12.3.1950.

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I am enclosing for your information a copy of the letter dated 21.3.1950, I have addressed the Special Officer, Sandur, regarding my taking possession on behalf of the Ruler of Sandur of the forests and other areas,as mentioned in plans 3 and 7 annexed to the Agreement entered into by the Ruler of Sandur with the Dominion Government.

With kindest regards,

True Copy.

Copy of letter dated 21st March 1950 fromthe Huzur Secretary,Sandur, to the Special Officer,Sandur.

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Subject: Sandur.Ruler's private properities.handing over of.
Reference:Your D.O.C.No.188/49.C.(S.O).dated 19.3.1950.

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I write to inform you that as intimated in paragraphs 4 and 5 of your D.O.under reference, I have taken possession of Thayammanakolla area at Ramagad, as shown in plan No.3. annexed to the Agreement and also the Hathimaradakolla and Ramgolla areas described as Palace Estates in plan 3 and 7 appended to the Agreement.

I am already in possession of the private forest attached to the Royal Rest House at Ramagad as described in plan No.3.appended to the agreement.

I am deeply grateful to you for your cooperation in personally accompanying me, to hand over these areas to me on the 19th and 20th March 1 9 5 0.

TrueCopy.

REF.C.NO. 4939/49.S.1. Collector's office, Bellary,
Dated 21.4.1950.

PWR(Rev. 2852/21.4.50

From
Sri C.Rami Reddi, B.A.,
Collector, Bellary.

To
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort St.George, Madras.

Sir,

Sub: States--Sandur Private properties of the Ruler handing over - REF;

1. Government Memorandum NO.1618/50.2.Public (Pol.A) Dept. dated 13.3.1950.
2. This Office REF.C.NO.4939/49.S.1.dated 29.3.50.

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In continuation of this office reference second cited I submit that all the properties referred to by the Huzur Secretary in his letter dated 7.3.50 addressed to Government and in his letter dated 2.3.50 addressed to me (copies communicated with the Government memo.first cited) were handed over to the Huzur Secretary on the 19th and 20th.March 1950.

A copy of the Huzur Secretary's D.O.letter dated 21.3.50 to the Special Officer, Sandur on the subject is herein enclosed.

For Collector.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVT. PUBLIC DEPARTMENT
Encl: 1.Copy of Huzur Secretary's letter dated 21.3.50.

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Copy of D.O.letter dated 21.3.50 from the Huzur Secretary, The Palace, Sandur to the Special Officer Sandur.

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Sub: as above.
REF: Your D.O.C.NO. 188/49.C(S.O.) dated 19.3.50.

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I write to inform you that, as intimated in paragraphs 4 and 5 of your D.O.under reference , I have taken possession of Thyammana kola area at Ramgad, as shown in plan NO.3. annexed to the Agreement and also the Hathimaradakolla and Ramagolla areas described as Palace Estates in plans 3 and 7 appended to the Agreement.

2. I am already in possession of the private forest attached to the Royal rest house at Ramagad as described in plan NO.3. appended to the agreement.

3. I am deeply grateful to you for your co.operation in personally accompanying me to hand over these areas to me on the 19th and 20th March 1950.

With kind regards.

/True copy/.

v.r.r. 25.4.1950; KA/25/4.

CRO. 1618/50.

Public (Political) department.

Sub: States - Sandur - Ruler - Private property - Royal Rest House and Annexe at Ramgad - Handing over -

p. 1 cf. Ref: From the Hyderabad Secretary, d.o. letter d 7/3/50.

The Hyderabad Secretary's d.o. in the c.f may be perused. Royal Rest House and Annexe at Ramgad with furniture, outhouses, grounds and forest attached thereto have been declared as the Ruler's private property and included in the list approved by the Govt. of India. According to Art.* 3 of the merger agreement entered into by the Ruler with the Governor-General of India, the Raja has absolute right of full ownership, use and enjoyment of all private properties as per schedule approved by the Govt. of India. Instructions have been issued to the Collector of Bellary in G.O. Ms. No. 2844; Pub (Pole), d 23/8/49 directing him to hand over the private properties to the Ruler as per schedule. It is not known why the Royal Rest House and Annexe have not been handed over to the Ruler. The remarks of the Collector of Bellary may be invited on this point. A draft memo is submitted for approval.

p. 1 of the post-mtg papers added at the end of (V) - (indicated by a flag)

* cf pp 278-280 cf of (V) G.O. 1145, Pole), d 23/8/49

Copy at (2)

draft II below

The Hyderabad Secretary's d.o. may be acknowledged. A draft d.o. is also submitted.

draft I below

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p. 3 cf (Issued as d.o. No. 1618/50-1 d 13/3/50)

pp 3-4 cf (Issued as Memo no 1618/50-2 d 13/3/50)

(From the Colle. of Bellary, Ref. C. No. 4939/49S.1 d. 29/3/1950.) p. 5-6 Cf.

The Collector's report at p. p. 5-6 Cf. may be perused. The receipt of further report promised at A on p. 5 Cf. may be awaited. (R.O. 25.4.1950)

Reminder on 26/4

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(From the Collector of Bellary, Ref. C. No. 4939/49S.1 d 21/4/1950.) p. 7 Cf.

The Collector's further report at p. 7 Cf. may be perused. The private properties of the Rulers of Sandur referred to at A on p. 1 Cf. have since been handed over to the Hyderabad Secretary. No further action is called for. The papers may be filed with the original of G.O. No. No 2844, Pub (Poll) d 23/8/1949 at ⓐ.

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Submitted for perusal